

645—63.10(157) Universal precautions. All licensees shall practice universal precautions consistently by observing the following:

1. Place used needles, razor blades and other sharp instruments in a puncture-resistant container for disposal. These containers shall be located as close to the use area as is practical.
2. Wear disposable gloves to prevent exposure to blood, body fluids containing visible blood, or body fluids to which universal precautions apply.
3. Immediately and thoroughly wash hands and other skin surfaces that are contaminated with blood and other body fluids to which universal precautions apply.
4. Refrain from all direct client care and from handling client-care equipment if the licensee has weeping dermatitis or draining lesions.
5. Any disposable sharp objects that come in contact with blood or other body fluids shall be disposed of in a red, sealable, rigid container (punctureproof) that is clearly labeled for disposal of hazardous waste sharps. Disposable sharp objects include electrology needles which shall be immediately disposed of after use.
6. Disinfect all instruments or implements that do not penetrate or puncture the skin.